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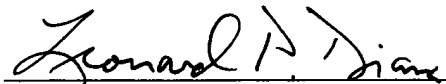
Claims 1-11, 16-21, 26-31, 36 and 38-43 are now presented for examination, of which Claims 1, 16, 26, 36, 38 and 41-43 are in independent form. Claims 1-11, 16-21, 26-31 and 36 have been allowed. Claims 38-43 have been added to assure Applicants of a full measure of protection.

Applicant notes that the first control unit, the second control unit and the switching unit referred to in the new claims read, for example, on Bulk-In FIFO 600, blank packet generator 900 and switch 1000 (see page 10), respectively. It is of course to be understood that the claim scope is not limited to the details of the embodiment referred to.

Early and favorable continued examination of the present application is respectfully requested.

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